DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: COMIREX's Downgrading and Sanitization Proposals

1. I think that the exercise is a great bit of work.

2. I do not believe it should go from the COMIREX to the DCI and then be sent to the Community as a finished item. Rather, the C/COMIREX should send it to the SA/DCI/Compartmentation or to C/APEX Steering Group, with a representative from COMIREX, to explain what it is and how it answers the APEX needs. Some items we should have assurances on:

    a. Thresholds - Does the D&S proposal adhere to APEX thresholds approved in principle by NFIB or does it represent the COMIREX perception of thresholds as they are published in their parameters papers.

    b. Consumer acceptability - was there sufficient representation from the consumer population participating in the COMIREX deliberations. Remember, APEX is structured on a concept of bipartisan cooperation between collectors/processors and consumers.

    c. No strings or compartmentation control tentacles on decompartmented or sanitized TK - other than regular markings prescribed by DCID 1/7.

2. The reason I propose that the SA/DCI/Compartmentation (in the long run) and as the C/Steering Group (for the implementation period) be identified clearly now as the

DCI's rep and agent to implement APEX is based on concern
that no one else can or should be allowed to make formal
pronouncements as to what stays in compartmentation and
what comes out and how this is done. If such control is
not taken now - the SA/DCI/Compartmentation will shortly
find himself in the same incontinent contest with the
SIGINT Committee, COMIREX and NRO that the Security Committee
has about authorities over what will be compartmented <u>and</u>
<u>how</u>.

    4. Suggest the SA/DCI/Compartmentation go to C/COMIREX
with a directive that all implementation steps in the APEX
process are to be sent to him and not the DCI. Further,
the SA/DCI/Compartmentation should make this clear at an
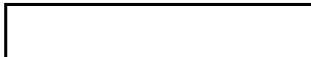early meeting of the APEX Steering Group.

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